(b) relatively indexing the printhead and the surface in a direction other than that of the relative traverse, and

(c) in a further relative traverse printing further swaths which at least partially overprint previously printed swaths in registry therewith, wherein each overprinting swath [being] is of a different colour to the previously printed swath which it overprints.

17.   (Amended) A colour printhead comprising an elongate array of blocks of print elements extending side by side in an array direction, the printhead being configured for relatively traversing a surface to be printed in other than the array direction, the blocks being arranged to print swaths of different colours side by side in a repeating pattern during said relative traverse, each swath being wider than a swath printed by a single print element, the arrangement of the blocks being such that relative indexing of the printhead and the surface in the array direction permits printing of further swaths at least partially overprinting previously-printed swaths, wherein each overprinting swath [being] is of a different colour to the previously printed swath which it overprints [and in registry therewith].

REMARKS

This paper is in response to the final official action of August 28, 2000. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claim 17 was objected to as containing informalities in language. As recommended, claim 17 has been amended according to the examiner's suggested acceptable language. Withdrawal of this claim objection is therefore respectfully solicited.